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CELL" :**

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**TRANSMITTAL OF APPLICATION PAPERS
TO U.S. DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. §371
(37 CFR 1.494 OR 1.495)**

This Transmittal Letter is based upon PTO Form 1390 (as revised in May, 1993).

The above-identified applicant(s) (jointly with their assignee) have filed an International Application under the P.C.T. and hereby submit(s) to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information.

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1. This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.
2. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.
3. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. §371(f)) at any time rather than delay.
4. A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination (IPE) was made to the appropriate Authority (IPEA) within the time period required.

5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2)) -- IN ENGLISH
 - a. is transmitted herewith (required when not transmitted by International Bureau) --with-- Two (2) Sheets of Drawings See WIPO Publication WO 00/44816.
 - b. has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. A (verified) translation of the International Application into the English language is enclosed. (see 5. above)
7. Amendments to the (specification and) claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. are transmitted herewith (required if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. have not been made and will not be made.
 - e. will be submitted with the appropriate surcharge.
8. A translation of the amendments to the claims (and/or the specification) under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3)) is enclosed or will be submitted with the appropriate surcharge.

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9. An oath or declaration/power of attorney of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. §371[c][4]) will follow.
[] and is attached to the translation of (or a copy of) the International Application.
[] and is attached to the substitute specification.

10. A translation of at least the Annexes to the IPE Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. §371[c][5]) is enclosed. (PCT/IPEA/409 & 416)

Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:

11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 is enclosed.

12. An Assignment for recording and a separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 will follow.

13. A FIRST preliminary amendment is enclosed.
A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment is enclosed.

14. [] A substitute specification (including claims, abstract, drawing) is enclosed.

15. [] A change of power of attorney and/or address letter is enclosed.

16. Other items of information:

This application is being filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.494(c) or 1.495(c), and any missing parts will be filed before expiration of--

[] 22 months from the priority date under 37 CFR 1.494(c), or

32 months from the priority date under 37 CFR 1.495(c).

The undersigned attorney is authorized by the International applicant and by the inventors to enter the National Phase pursuant to 37 CFR 1.494(c) or 1.495(c).

The following additional information relates to the International Application:

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- Receiving Office: EPO
- IPEA (if filing under 37 CFR 1.495): EPO
- Priority Claim(s) (35 USC §§ 119, 365):
Japanese Appln. 11/018090 filed January 27, 1999 -and-
Appln. 11/157509 filed June 04, 1999
- A copy of the International Search Report is
 - enclosed.
 - attached to the copy of the International Application.
- A copy of the Receiving Office Request Form is enclosed.
 - Form PTO/SB/05 (1) sheet
 - Form PCT/IB/306 (1) sheet
 - Form PCT/IB/308 (1) sheet

The fee calculation is set forth on the next page of this Transmittal Letter.

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A check in payment of the filing fee, calculated as follows, is attached (37 CFR 1.492).

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Total Number of claims in
excess of (20) times \$18..... -0-

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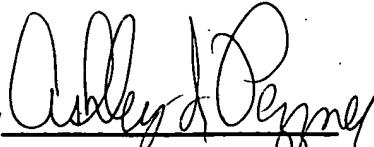
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Kindly send us the official filing receipt.

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**UTILITY
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Attorney Docket No. 1999/F-012

First Inventor or Application Identifier TETSUJI YAMAMOTO

Title METHOD FOR PRODUCING BRIDGED . . .

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Specification [Total Pages 19]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to Microfiche Appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
3. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 02]
4. Oath or Declaration
 - a. Newly executed [The executed] Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 16 completed)
 - c. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

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5. Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
6. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. Computer Readable Copy
 - b. Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
 - c. Statement verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

7. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
8. 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement Power of (when there is an assignee) Attorney
9. English Translation Document (if applicable)
10. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
11. Preliminary Amendment
12. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
13. Small Entity Statement(s) Statement filed in prior application, Status still proper and desired (PTO/SB/09-12)
14. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)
15. Other: PCT/IB/306 & 308(1) each
16. PCT/IPEA 416 & 409 (6) sheets
17. PCT/R0/101 Receiving Office Request Form (4) pages

16. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment:

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of prior application No: _____

Prior application Information: Examiner _____

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